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As the dean of Tennessee's congressional delegation, **Bart Gordon** is serving his 13th term in Congress, representing the Sixth District, which includes 15 counties. Since 2007, Bart has served as the Chairman of the House Science and Technology Committee. As Chairman, Bart authored the landmark bipartisan America COMPETES Act, which aimed to foster U.S. economic competitiveness by strengthening math and science education with the goal of ensuring the U.S. workforce has the skills needed for high-tech jobs of the future. In addition, the COMPETES Act also focused on curbing America's dependence on foreign energy sources. The law created an Advanced Research Projects Agency for Energy (ARPA-E) in the US. Department of Energy, which is tasked with leveraging talent in all sectors – from private industry, to universities, to government labs – to develop next-generation energy sources and technologies. Bart continues to focus the attention of the Science and Technology Committee on finding bipartisan solutions to improve education, develop advanced technologies, and ensure the United States continues to lead the world in scientific advances.

In addition to his role on the Science and Technology Committee, Bart is a senior member of the powerful House Energy and Commerce Committee and serves on three subcommittees: the Health Subcommittee; the Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection Subcommittee; and, the Communications, Technology, and the Internet Subcommittee.

As a member of the Energy and Commerce Committee, Bart has authored several bills that have been signed into law. Bart authored a law to protect citizens from fraudulent 1-900 and 1-800 phone numbers. Additionally, his youth suicide prevention measure, the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act, established a grant program to help bolster suicide intervention and prevention programs. In addition to these laws and others, Bart wrote a 2008 law that has improved access to 9-1-1 emergency services.

Bart is currently working on legislation to keep foreign-generated nuclear waste from being disposed in American soil, ensure that up-to-date fitness guidelines are widely available to help reduce obesity, as well as continuing his fight against the production of meth.

Educated in Rutherford County public schools, Bart graduated with honors from Middle Tennessee State University in 1971. He served in the Army Reserves from 1971-1972. Bart received his law degree from the University of Tennessee. He is married to Leslie Peyton Gordon, and they have a daughter, Peyton Margaret Gordon.